

April 25, 2018



Alderwoman Milele A. Coggs-Sixth District

City of Milwaukee Common Council

200 East Wells Street

Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53202

Dear Alderwoman Coggs,

I am writing this letter to share our wholehearted support for the naming of 4<sup>th</sup> Street to Vel R. Phillip's Street in the City of Milwaukee. Judge Phillips was a woman of many first and I personally had the honor to being the shadows as a child. Her sons and I went to elementary school together, the Phillips and the Coggs Families did carpooling in those days. I knew her first as the loving and doting Mother, as I grew older I knew her a woman who was a trailblazer in breaking down barriers and breaking the glass ceiling all over Wisconsin and this nation.

Today as a lifelong resident of Milwaukee and working right on the corner of 4<sup>th</sup> & Wright Street endorsed naming the street after her and giving her the honor that it from St. Paul to Capitol Drive.

When I was a County Supervisor I lead the legislative charge to rename our children's court center after her. Today it is known the Vel R. Phillips Juvenile Justice Center. When I look at the pictures of her smile, it brings back so many memories of happy she was.

Please share our voice in support of this honor being bestowed posthumously to the Honorable Vel R. Phillips. If there are any other information is needed, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

Elizabeth M. Coggs

Regional Vice-President

Cc: City of Milwaukee

